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| In re Application of            | : |             |
| Whitby et al.                   | : |             |
| Application No. 09/996,221      | : | ON PETITION |
| Filed: November 28, 2001        | : |             |
| Attorney Docket No. 006593-1908 | : |             |

This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b), filed August 6, 2004, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely reply within three months to the final Office action mailed September 24, 2003. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, this application became abandoned on December 25, 2003. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on May 6, 2004.

Petitioner has met the requirements to revive the above-identified application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b).

The matter is now being referred to Technology Center 3700 for processing of the Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114 filed with the instant petition.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 306-0482. Any telephone inquiries after September 28, 2004 should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3206.

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